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MER MATCH INVENIED -- Politika, No 13215, 18 Apr 49

After long experimenting and chemical research Slavko Kovacevic, an engineer in the laboratories of the Institute for Industrial Research in Zagreb, has discovered a chemical formula for making matches that will light about a hundred times.

The new matches are about 10 centimeters long and much thicker than ordinary matches. The boxes will be made of wood at first and later of sheet metal. They will contain several small plates on which to scratch the matches, as well as the matches themselves.

Production of these matches will be started any day. They will go on sale on 1 May 1949.

ATTEMPTE TO MAKE "ELASTIK" -- Borba, No 107, 7 May 49

The Yugoslav Rubber and Show Combine in Borovo has set up a display showing its unsolved technical problems in order to acquaint more of its workers with subjects for their ingenuity.

One of the problems in the display concerns the so-called "clastik", required for the manufacture of light gym shoes. This is not made in Yugqslavia and has been imported in the past. To make it possible to manufacture gym shoes, some torkers have tried to make this "elastik" from elastic. "triko-platno" /knitted lineni/, rubberized by a special process. This experiment was only partly successful, as the "trike-platno" on the front of the shoe soon stretches so that the shoe falls off the foot.

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